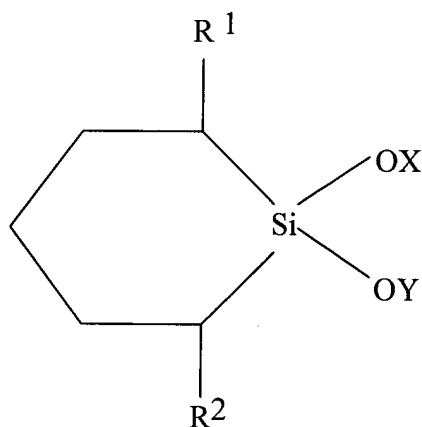


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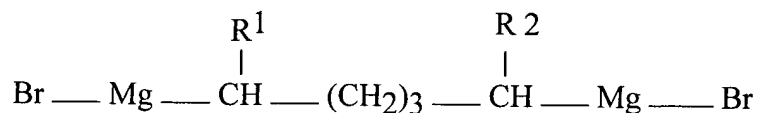
Cancel claim 42 and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (previously presented): Process for preparing a dialkoxysilacyclohexane of formula

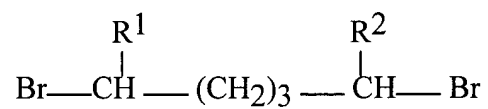


in which R¹ and R², which may be identical or different, represent alkyl radicals containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and X and Y, which may be identical or different, are alkyl radicals containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms, the method comprising reacting an alkylenedimagnesium dibromide of formula



with a tetraalkoxysilane of formula (OR^a)(OR^b)(OR^c)(OR^d)Si, in which R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d are selected from the same group as X and Y, at least one of the radicals R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d being identical to X, and at least one of the radicals R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d being identical to Y.

Claim 46 (original): Process according to claim 45, wherein the alkylenedimagnesium dibromide is prepared by a process comprising reacting a dibromoalkane of formula:



with magnesium.